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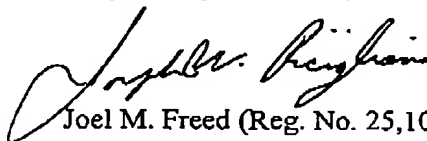
Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 be extended three (3) months from May 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$930.00 for a three (3) month extension of time for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge the \$930 extension of time fee to Arnold and Porter deposit account 50-2387 referencing matter number 13587.286.

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